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SUBJECT: MOBUTU'S TRAVEL PLANS: REQUEST FOR COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT

1. THE SECRETARY HAS REQUESTED THAT ACTION POSTS MAKE THEIR COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES AVAILABLE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF ZAIRE IN ORDER TO FACILITATE PRESIDENT MOBUTU'S IMPENDING TRAVEL PLANS.

2. PRESIDENT MOBUTU WILL BE VISITING BOTSWANA SEPTEMBER 27-29 AND LESOTHO ON OCTOBER 1. THESE VISITS, AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, HAVE BEEN LAID ON WITH GOB AND GOL.

3. MOBUTU ALSO HAS INVITATION TO VISIT SWAZILAND DURING PERIOD SEPT. 27 - OCT 1 BUT NO FIRM PLANS HAVE BEEN SET. MOBUTU ASKS US TO QUERY APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES IN MBABANE IF GOS WOULD BE AMENABLE TO MOBUTU ARRIVAL ON SEPT. 30, OVERNIGHT, AND DEPARTURE FOR LESOTHO OCT. 1. IF SO, MOBUTU NEEDS ALL DETAILS: ETA, SUGGESTED PROGRAM, SHOULD ZAIRIANS SEND FLAGS IN ADVANCE, ETC.

4. IF THERE IS PROBLEM WITH PROPOSED VISIT TO SWAZILAND OCT. 30, THEN MOBUTU WILL PROCEED FROM BOTSWANA DIRECTLY TO LESOTHO, WITH ATTENDANT SCHEDULING DETAILS TO BE WORKED OUT.

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5. PLEASE INFO ALL REPLIES TO MESSAGES THIS RESPECT TO USUN.

6. USUN PLEASE KEEP FONMIN NGUZA INFORMED. HE MAY WISH TO USE
USUN COMMO FACILITIES. NGUZA ARRIVES NY SEPT. 25.
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